WHEREAS, more handicapped men and women than ever before are seeking normal and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, many barriers, both architectural and attitudinal, still exist inhibiting their search for employment and a share in a way of life that some of them, especially the disabled veteran, sacrificed to protect; and

WHEREAS, jobs exist in industry, business and government that can be performed by the handicapped, often with an increase in safety and productivity; and

WHEREAS, the Congress, recognizing the rights of the handicapped to equal employment opportunities, has designated the Week of October 1, 1972, as National Employ the Handicapped Week, and has requested the Governors of the States to issue a proclamation calling for observance of this Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the Week beginning October 1, 1972 as

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and urge the Mayors of Municipalities, other public officials, leaders of business, industry, labor, civic, veterans, professionals, and other organizations to take an active part in this observance.

AND FURTHER, urge all architects, designers, engineers and other persons responsible for building our schools, churches, transportation systems, parks, theatres, public buildings and places of employment to remember the needs of all persons with mobility limitations in the construction and of these facilities.

AND FURTHER, urge employers to ensure that their employment practices and places of employment are accessible to handicapped applicants.

AND FURTHER, urge all citizens of our great State of South Dakota to remember the desires of our handicapped citizens to become a contributing, productive and tax paying citizen and to assist them to realize that goal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 11th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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